

House Resolution

No. 17

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House Resolution No. 17—Relative to Small Business Month.

1 WHEREAS, The month of June is celebrated as California Small
2 Business Month by the California State Legislature, reminding us
3 of the tremendous contributions small businesses make to the
4 economic strength of our nation and state; and

5 WHEREAS, On June 10, 2013, the Assembly and Senate
6 celebrate “California Small Business Day.” Further, we recognize
7 this day to honor small business owners from Assembly and Senate
8 districts statewide; and

9 WHEREAS, The nation’s 28 million small businesses are the
10 job creation engine of the American economy, responsible for
11 one-half of all private sector jobs, and the source of roughly 70
12 percent of all new jobs in the last decade; and

13 WHEREAS, California is home to three and one-half million
14 of these small businesses, accounting for 99 percent of the state’s
15 employers and 52 percent of the state’s workforce; and

16 WHEREAS, California is home to the most innovative and
17 competitive businesses in the world, placing the state consistently
18 among the top 10 economies in the world; and

19 WHEREAS, California small businesses have been responsible
20 for one in every six jobs created nationwide in the last year,
21 ensuring that California remains the leader in the nation’s ongoing
22 economic recovery; and

1 WHEREAS, California received more than 50 percent of all
2 venture capital financing in the United States in 2011, by far the
3 most of any state in the nation; and our state is also number one
4 in direct foreign investment; and

5 WHEREAS, California, through the Governor's Office of
6 Business and Economic Development (GoBiz), assists local and
7 regional governments in the attraction, retention, and expansion
8 of small businesses as well as site selection, permit streamlining,
9 trade development, and regulatory requirements; and

10 WHEREAS, California state government also administers many
11 very successful programs, such as the Small Business Loan
12 Guarantee Program and the California Capital Access Program
13 (CalCAP), that make capital financing available to small businesses
14 throughout the state; and

15 WHEREAS, The success of California's small businesses helps
16 drive our state's innovation economy, including emerging
17 economic sectors such as biotechnology, clean technology, high
18 technology, and renewable energy; and

19 WHEREAS, California is committed to promoting state and
20 private investments in science, technology, engineering, and
21 mathematics education, so that the next generation of Californians
22 will have the tools required to start their own small businesses;
23 and

24 WHEREAS, This resolution reaffirms California's commitment
25 to small businesses, and our state's support for small-scale
26 private-sector job creators is among our most promising strategies
27 to enhance California's human capital, expand job opportunities,
28 and increase our competitive advantage in the global marketplace;
29 now, therefore, be it

30 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California*, That the
31 Assembly proclaims the month of June 2013 as Small Business
32 Month; and be it further

33 *Resolved*, That the Assembly adds its support to the Governor's
34 efforts in promoting small businesses and making California a
35 home to even more small business startups; and be it further

36 *Resolved*, That California's policymakers will do their part to
37 promote investments in infrastructure, new equipment and
38 technology, and, most importantly, the state's educational system
39 to make California an even better place to do business; and be it
40 further

- 1 *Resolved*, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies
- 2 of this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.

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